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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to calcium salts of rabeprazole and processes for preparing rabeprazole calcium. The invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions that include the rabeprazole calcium and use of said compositions for the treatment or prevention of gastrointestinal ulcers

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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